

CLAIMS

We claim:

1. An assembly comprising a parts-retaining panel and a set of cooperating parts for a mechanism, said parts being removably retained on said parts-retaining panel in the same positions relative to one another as the positions of said parts relative to one another when in operative relationship in said mechanism, said panel being removable from said parts when the parts are mounted in operative relationship in said mechanism.

2. An assembly comprising a parts-retaining panel and a set of cooperating parts for a timing drive of an internal combustion engine, said parts being removably retained on said parts-retaining panel in the same positions relative to one another as the positions of said parts relative to one another when in operative relationship in said engine, said panel being removable from said parts when the parts are mounted in operative relationship in said engine.

3. An assembly according to claim 2, in which said parts-retaining panel includes a plurality of retainers protruding from a face thereof, said retainers holding said parts on the panel, and in which said panel also includes a plurality of through holes through which fasteners for securing said parts to the engine can be inserted.

4. An assembly according to claim 2, in which said parts are retained on said panel in the same cooperative

relationship to one another as when in operative relationship in said engine.

5. An assembly according to claim 3, in which said parts are retained on said panel in the same cooperative relationship to one another as when in operative relationship in said engine.

6. An assembly according to claim 2, in which said panel has a plurality of corners, each corner having a leg, said legs being engageable with an adjacent, identical, panel and being of sufficient length to maintain said panels in spaced relationship to each other when stacked, whereby a space is provided between said panels to accommodate a set of parts retained on said adjacent panel.

7. An assembly according to claim 3, in which said panel has a plurality of corners, each corner having a leg, said legs being engageable with an adjacent, identical, panel and being of sufficient length to maintain said panels in spaced relationship to each other when stacked, whereby a space is provided between said panels to accommodate a set of parts retained on said adjacent panel.

8. An assembly according to claim 4, in which said panel has a plurality of corners, each corner having a leg, said legs being engageable with an adjacent, identical, panel and being of sufficient length to maintain said panels in spaced relationship to each other when stacked, whereby a space is provided between said panels to accommodate a set of parts retained on said adjacent panel.

9. An assembly according to claim 5, in which said panel has a plurality of corners, each corner having a leg, said legs being engageable with an adjacent, identical, panel and being of sufficient length to maintain said panels in spaced relationship to each other when stacked, whereby a space is provided between said panels to accommodate a set of parts retained on said adjacent panel.

10. An assembly according to claim 2, in which said panel is recyclable.

11. An assembly according to claim 3, in which said panel is recyclable.

12. An assembly according to claim 4, in which said panel is recyclable.

13. An assembly according to claim 5, in which said panel is recyclable.

14. An assembly according to claim 6, in which said panel is recyclable.

15. An assembly according to claim 7, in which said panel is recyclable.

16. An assembly according to claim 8, in which said panel is recyclable.

17. An assembly according to claim 9, in which said panel is recyclable.

18. A method of mounting and securing a set of cooperating parts for a machine, comprising the steps of removably retaining said parts on a parts-retaining panel in the same positions relative to one another as the positions of said parts relative to one another when in operative relationship in said machine, placing said parts-retaining panel, with said parts thereon, in face-to-face relationship with a mounting surface of a machine, securing said parts to the machine, and removing only said panel.

19. A method according to claim 18, in which said step of removing only said panel is followed by the steps of removably retaining a second set of parts on the removed parts-retaining panel in the same positions relative to one another as the positions of said parts relative to one another when in operative relationship on a second machine, placing said parts-retaining panel, with said second set of parts thereon, in face-to-face relationship with a mounting surface of a second machine, securing said parts of the second set to the second machine, and again removing only said panel.

20. A method of mounting and securing a set of cooperating parts for a the timing drive of an internal combustion engine, comprising the steps of removably retaining said parts on a parts-retaining panel in the same positions relative to one another as the positions of said parts relative to one another when in operative relationship in said engine, placing said parts-retaining panel, with said parts thereon, in face-to-face relationship with a mounting surface of said engine, securing said parts to the engine, and removing only said

panel.

21. A method according to claim 20, in which said step of removing only said panel is followed by the steps of removably retaining a second set of parts on the removed parts-retaining panel in the same positions relative to one another as the positions of said parts relative to one another when in operative relationship on a second internal combustion engine, placing said parts-retaining panel, with said second set of parts thereon, in face-to-face relationship with a mounting surface of a second internal combustion engine, securing said parts of the second set to the second engine, and again removing only said panel.